

UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

October 26, 1945

Honorable Robert A. Lovett
Assistant Secretary of War for Air
Department of War
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lovett:

Recently I have had a number of communications from citizens of my hometown who are the owners of Magnolia Ranch, Inc., who have under lease some 12,000 acres in Townships 23 and 24 South, Range 31 East, Orange County, Florida, at present being used as the "Pinecastle Air to Ground Turret Gunnery and Rifle Range Army Air Forces Tactical Center." According to the information I have received the use of this land for this purpose during the very dry spell of this year caused a number of large forest fires which spread over the adjoining land of this company, depriving them of grazing land needed in their cattle operations. From the communications I have received these people are anxious to determine if there is any possibility of the Army Air Forces discontinuing the use of this land so that they may again use it for grazing purposes.

If you will kindly advise me so that I may communicate with my constituents I will greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Charles O. Andrews
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